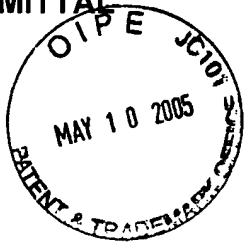


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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: <b>Mail Stop RCE</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 10/669,217	Confirmation Number: 2163
	Filing Date: September 23, 2003	
	First Named Inventor: Robert W. ESMOND	
	Group Art Unit: 1614	
	Examiner: Vickie Y. KIM	
	Attorney Docket Number: 04012.0373-02000	
Attorney Customer Number: 22,852		



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. An alternate submission is attached.
- c. ☒ Enclosed submission:
- i. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2 pages)
- ii. ☒ IDS Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page)
- iii. ☒ Copies of two listed documents
- iv. ☒ Copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and receipt-stamped postcard from July 15, 2004 (5 pages)
- v. ☒ Copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and receipt-stamped postcard from September 29, 2004 (4 pages)

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 05/13/2005 AWONDAF1 00000072 060916 10669217 01 FC:1801 790.00 DA
- ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (\_\_\_\_ Months) \$\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Please charge the amount of \$790.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

**Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

Name: Deborah J. Acker	JENNIFER L. ELLIOTT	Reg. No.: 48,916
Signature: Jennifer L. Elliott	Reg No. 54584	Date: May 10, 2005

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10 OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"**

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